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SUBJECT: SARGENT SHRIVER VISIT

REF: MOSCOW 3426

1. SHRIVER'S OFFICE INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT MARCH 17 THAT SHRIVER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, SONS TIMOTHY AND BOBBY, AS WELL AS DAUGHTER MARIA. NEPHEW JOHN F. KENNEDY, JR. WILL PROBABLY MAKE THE TRIP, ALTHOUGH SHRIVER'S OFFICE IS NOT CERTAIN NOW IN VIEW OF DEATH OF MRS. ONASSIS' HUSBAND. THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION ALONG FOR KENNEDY. PROFESSOR LARRY TRIBE OF HARVARD, WHO IS A SPECIALIST IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND SPEECH WRITER FOR SHRIVER, WILL ACCOMPANY THE GROUP, AS WILL CHRISTOPHER WHITNEY OF SHRIVER'S OFFICE. PRIEST WILL NOT RPT NOT MAKE TRIP, ALTHOUGH SOVIETS WERE PREPARED TO ISSUE VISA.

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2. SHRIVER'S OFFICE APPRECIATES WILLINGNESS OF EMBASSY

TO BE HELPFUL. AT SAME TIME, SHRIVER WISHES TO MAKE CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED THAT HE IS PRIVATE CITIZEN, IN NO WAY ASSOCIATED WITH US GOVERNMENT. THEREFORE, WHILE HE DOES NOT WANT THE EMBASSY TO "LOOK BAD " WITH RESPECT TO ITS CONTACT WITH US PRESS CORPS, HE SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY TAKE

A "PASSIVE APPROACH" ON SHRIVER VISIT. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, ACCORDING TO HIS OFFICE, FOR P&C SECTION TO INFORM US PRESS IN NORMAL FASHION THAT EMBASSY IS AWARE OF SHRIVER VISIT, THAT HE IS COMING ON SPEAKING TOUR, AND NOT ON BUSINESS, AND THAT EMBASSY IS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY WAY WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT. THERE IS NO OBJECTION IF, IN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS, EMBASSY INDICATES WHO WILL ACCOMPANY SHRIVER.

3. SHRIVER'S OFFICE NOTED THAT WHILE ABC HAS BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT COVERING SUITABLE ASPECTS OF TRIP, ABC IS APPARENTLY NOT WILLING TO ASSUME THE EXPENSES INVOLVED. AS A RESULT, SHRIVER'S OFFICER MAY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH NOVOSTI TO PROVIDE CAMERAMAN TO COME ALONG ON TRIP, AT SOVIET EXPENSE.

4. ACCORDING TO SHRIVER'S OFFICE, THE SOVIETS WILL MAKE A PLANE AVAILABLE FOR SHRIVER'S PARTY FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL IN USSR. PARTY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MARCH 23 IN MOSCOW, WHERE IT WILL STAY SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE BEGINNING TRIP.  
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